



FACT SHEET

GRID RESILIENCE STATE AND TRIBAL FORMULA GRANTS: AMERICAN SAMOA

As states, tribes, and territories face threats from severe weather, the **Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants** will distribute **\$2.3 billion** over five years to strengthen and modernize America's power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters that are exacerbated by the climate crisis. The first round of funding applies for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

In support of President Biden's Investing in America agenda in September 2023, the Department of Energy awarded **\$1,382,507** to **American Samoa** via the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants program, which is supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Awards are based on a formula that includes factors such as population size, land area, probability and severity of disruptive events, and a locality's historical expenditures on mitigation efforts. Under the administration of the **American Samoa Power Authority**, American Samoa will hold a competitive selection process to identify projects for which the roughly \$1 million in federal funding will be deployed.

GOALS INCLUDE

- › Ensuring that critical community facilities serving customers are not impacted by events such as extreme weather conditions.
- › Addressing the energy burden experienced by low-income customers and disadvantaged communities that experience frequent disruptions to electricity service.
- › Increasing the skill level within the local workforce by assuring that any installed resilience measures can be operated and maintained by local staff and businesses, when possible.
- › Addressing outdated and/or failing energy infrastructure items and materials (i.e., electrical switchgear, substations, power lines, power poles, transformers, bucket trucks, etc.) serving villages and communities.
- › Investing in grid infrastructure modernization and enabling consumer access to lower-cost energy, all while investing in clean energy and decarbonization solutions.



HELPFUL LINKS

- › [Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant Program](#)
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